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It is of course true that a man may engage in almost any honorable profession or business and be an altruist, philanthropist and a public benefactor.

But, as a rule, the work he chooses indicates the bent of a man's mind if not his aptitude and discloses his feeling towards his fellowmen.

The lawyer, with exceptions so rare as to be remarkable, is of little real altruistic use to his community or the country at large. His range as a lawyer is narrow, and leads to wealth or political preferment. He does not pursue his work for the sake of humanity or to better law processes or civil institutions. He plods, grows more technical and retroactive, quibbles over non-essentials.

The average businessman or trader is working for his own interests alone. He may be honest but so shrewdly far-seeing in a business way, that his competitors equally honest but less capable, cannot stand before him. They fall, while he accumulates wealth.

He becomes a menace to the public and not a benefactor. Thousands of petty traders who achieve small success, are equally selfish and grasping, just as devoid of interest in and sympathy for the rest of mankind.

So that, by and large, business as it is carried on today, does not develop the higher qualities, but tends purely to mercenary and selfish ends. The physician may be the worst sort of a quack or self-seeker; mercenary, selfish, unfeeling.

But if he is, his brother physicians soon find him out. He is ethically ostracized, and suffers loss of prestige with the profession. He is recognized as not living up to the ideals of the profession he represents.

This will not allow him to advertise his skill or even get a patent or copyright upon his discoveries or creations. They must be free for the good of his fellow man.

The point is, that the medical profession is one of high altruistic ideals; it is self-sacrificing, scientific, having as its object the prevention and cure of disease; and never money-making. It is the poorest money-making business in the world. Many a poor physician would have become rich had he engaged in some other business.

For the doctor suffers unpaid bills, ungratefulness, hypercriticism and no end of calumny.

Few doctors there be who have not had to fight a mal-practice suit where layman, witness and jury were against him. Were against him because such men can be easily prejudiced by the idea that doctors are exorbitant in their charges, that they are generally indifferent to sickness, that they purposely prolong invalidism.

Yet the profession requires more preliminary preparation than any other, it furnishes the longest and most rigid training, it demands more skill, it is hedged in with more civil and legal restrictions, and its study tends to develop the finer instincts and qualities of manhood. It is ethical and near-religious.

The physician himself is uplifted by his effort to uplift. The Greeks said: "The physician is God-like."

The minister of the gospel who is not obsessed by the spirit of propaganda; who is not always praising his own church and, in that sense, narrow and theological; who looks upon life and men as, I am glad to believe, most present-day ministers do, such a servant of God has certainly a wonderful mission to accomplish in a world of misunderstanding and misapplication of means to ends.

In a world where men mean so well and do so badly; in a world where the "sins" of the good and the "bad" strike a remarkably even balance; we never needed good ministers more than we do today, when Europeans are murdering each other, and narrow sects in America are condemning each other; when real values are lost sight of and valuable energy is wasted in such tirading as Billy Sunday uses against those whose record for uprightness and honestly-earned money is, at least, as good as his own.

We want ministers, not ranters. We want calm, quiet, steadfast preachers of truth they feel sure of; so sure that it needs no bush; no emotional send-off to carry listeners away beyond limits their calmer reason will not stand for.

The general results of revivals are not permanent. In cases that have turned from drunkenness and other wrong habits of life, you will find that the reform has been the result of reason acted upon by a determination of the individual concerned. There is no subtle, supernatural process involved in the turn-about. It is cruel to make any poor slave think so, for the failures have been many. The "grace" upon which the man depended did not prevail. The instances, however, where the man made up his mind to stop, to RIGHT-ABOUT-FACE are too numerous to mention. They have reformed and become useful men and women, using only the will and determination God has given all individuals for the purpose of keeping right.

Their conscience may be "awakened," they may suffer remorse, their sinfulness may be pointed out to them by fluent orators who make a business of such things, without affecting them in the least. They must come up against some hard, pitiless fact; they must suffer humiliation and shame; they must be forced to reason out the matter as it faces them, and then, if their physical organism is not hopelessly beyond reclaim, they will assert that wonderful prerogative—the human WILL. They will quit. They will become men again. No other power will do it for them. I do not say no other power can.

God is omnipotent, but he does not work in this way. He gives men instincts, promptings, capabilities, will, power-to-do.

The world supplies its inspirations, emulations, associations, which lead upward and onward forever.

THINKS KAMEHAMEHA I. DESERVES PLACE AMONG WORLD'S GREATEST

Horace W. Chamberlain, Former Honolulu Pastor, Now in Chicago, is Booster

"Old residents never lose their interest in Hawaii," says A. P. Taylor, secretary of the Promotion Committee. "I am continually receiving letters from them. Most of them want literature and information for friends and acquaintances. They are all boosters and are continually working to help the islands. Here's a sample of the letters I get," and he handed over the following letter from Horace W. Chamberlain, one time pastor of the Kaili church, member of one of the missionary families, and now pastor of a Chicago church.

"My Dear Mr. Taylor: 'I have just finished reading Bingham's 'Sandwich Islands' and am more than ever impressed with the wonderful progress of those times. It is simply marvelous.

"The Hawaiian people are a remarkable people and deserve more credit than they sometimes get down on the islands. I think Kamehameha I deserves, considering his surroundings and times, a place among the great

THEY REFUSE TO EAT

At periods in most children's lives they fail to relish their meals and refuse to eat even the delicacies prepared to tempt their appetites. They lack ambition, and growth seems impeded, which causes anxiety and worry.

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You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative"; they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

PASSPORTS NOT ISSUED BY LOCAL COURT CLERK

Regarding the incorrect impression gained by many persons that passports are issued directly by the local federal court, Clerk Foster L. Davis makes the following statement which explains the situation:

"Persons desiring passports may only file their applications with the local federal court clerk. The applications are then forwarded to the bureau of naturalization of the department of state, which is the only department having authority to issue passports. If travelers care to take the risk, they may proceed to the foreign countries in which they desire to travel and await their passports there."

FALL IN BATHTUB FATAL.

UTICA, N. Y.—The Rev. William Herbert Hutchinson, rector of Old Trinity church in this city, died in a local hospital. A few days ago he slipped in his bathtub, striking his head on the edge, and since then his condition became steadily worse.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS MAY RETIRE GREENBACKS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—At a joint meeting of the conference and federal reserve banks and two committees of the American Bankers' association a plan to retire and cancel the \$346,000,000 of treasury notes, commonly known as greenbacks, was offered by the bankers and approved by the governors. A committee was appointed to study details and report a bill for presentation to Congress.

It is considered that the 12 federal reserve banks could absorb the issue of the \$20,000,000 of bonds that would be necessary for this purpose, if it were desirable to have them do so. There is a gold reserve of \$150,000,000 back of the greenbacks and the bond issue would be for the difference between this amount and the total amount of the greenbacks, or about \$196,000,000.

John Dale, aged 64, a New York banker, was injured when he fell while descending the stairway at the entrance to the Wall street subway station.

The Bank of Cuba in New York declared a bonus of 10 per cent of the yearly salary to its employees and \$20,000 was put aside for the pension fund.



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